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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Spill Report (Condition 27(e))
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All,

In accordance with Condition 27(e) of the Stipulated Order for Abatement in Case No. 6177-4, based on its current knowledge of the event, Chiquita Canyon, LLC (Chiquita) provides the following report detailing a spill of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from a forcemain located in grid 158.

(1) the date and time of the leak or spill;

- The spill was discovered on November 14, 2025, at approximately 3:30 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A spilled from a forcemain located in grid 158. Liquid flowed into the stormwater accumulation area on the top deck, which was actively pumping to the north perimeter stormwater channel, which flows into the east sedimentation basin. The east sedimentation basin was not discharging at the time of the incident and there is currently no threat of the basin discharging despite the rain. The east stormwater basin has not naturally discharged in many years and requires active pumping or other action to discharge.

(3) the name of the person that discovered the leak or spill;

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(4) written acknowledgement that they did, or did not, take corrective action with rationale for these actions;

- Upon discovering the spill, Chiquita personnel immediately turned off the pump connected to the forcemain to stop the flow of liquid.

(5) a root cause analysis on why and how the leak or spill occurred;

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, during construction of a forcemain, a member of Chiquita's staff unknowingly turned on a pump to a forcemain even though that forcemain was not yet connected to the leachate collection system. This event is still under investigation; however, Chiquita currently attributes this incident to operator error.

(6) the estimated quantity of the leak or spill;

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that up to 1500 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A spilled from the pump.

(7) corrective actions to clean and/or remove the leak or spill;

- As a result of the ongoing rain event, Chiquita is in the process of evaluating the best next steps to remediate this spill.

(8) corrective actions implemented or to be implemented, including an estimated timeline, to prevent future recurrence;

- Chiquita will retrain its employees on procedures regarding pump operation and enabling pumps. This training will be completed by Friday, November 21, 2025.

(9) the type of affiliation of the operator involved in the root cause;

- A Chiquita employee was involved in the root cause of this spill.

(10) whether any individuals involved in the root cause had previously received training on applicable operations to avoid leaks or spills; and

- All Chiquita employees are trained on applicable operations to avoid leaks and spills.

(11) the number of times individuals involved in the root cause had previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

- To Chiquita's knowledge, no individuals involved in the root cause of this spill have previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

Thank you,

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